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the notion and I agree with what he is aiming for here, it is not on my list of priorities. I see a full \$15 million agenda of the remaining A bills before us that have a higher priority and greater need in my mind's eye than 255 and reluctantly I oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, then Senator Goodrich, Senator Higgins, Senator Newell, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I rise to support Senator Kahle and this particular motion. You know Senator Landis has done a very good job of outlining his philosophies and his opinions on how the money should be spent in the last remaining days. He has set out for you his priorities. I have to say my priorities do not concur with his. This is a program I think is worthy of us funding. It has worked its way across the board with an A bill of \$5 million. We have reduced that figure down \$4.2 million to a point I think that it is palatable and reasonable. And you have to ask yourselves, each one of you, as we go through these waning days, is this program a priority list on my particular, in my particular assessment? I think this is one of the programs that does deserve funding and I would urge the body to adopt the Kahle amendment and then pass the bill to the Governor's desk. He may then choose to veto it there, but I would say that this is a priority that we must pass. It is, I think, a good package. I think it is a realistic one and will meet within the confines of the budget. As Senator Landis has pointed out, it is not in his priority bill or his priority system. It is in mine and I think it is in several other people's minds as well, so I'd like you to consider that fact as well.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, what Senator Kahle is trying to do here is reduce the appropriation, bring it back to reduce the appropriation from \$5 million down to \$800,000 and really when it comes right down to it, I don't think it matters very much what we put in this particular bill if we just pass the bill with